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1. US/UK DRAFT RES VOTED ON BY SECURITY COUNCIL EVENING

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JULY 14 WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS: 6 IN FAVOR (US, UK, FRANCE,

ITALY, SWEDEN, JAPAN); NONE AGAINST; TWO ABSTENTIONS (PANAMA, ROMANIA); 7 "NOT-PARTICIPATING" (USSR, PRC, PAKISTAN, GUYANA, BENIN, LIBYA, TANZANIA). DRAFT RES THUS NOT ADOPTED FOR FAILURE RECEIVE 9 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES. "AFRICAN" DRAFT WHICH DID NOT HAVE REQUISITE AFFIRMATIVE SUPPORT TO PASS, WAS WITHDRAWN BY TANZANIA PRIOR TO VOTE. SUMMARY OF DAY'S PROCEEDINGS BY SEPTTEL. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF U.S. VOTE, FOLLOWING VOTE.

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, BEFORE MAKING A FEW CONCLUDING REMARKS, I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN OTHERS IN EXPRESSING MY GOVERNMENT'S CONDOLENCES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT GUSTAV HEINEMANN, FOR WHOM WE HAD GREAT RESPECT IN MY COUNTRY AND WHO REPRESENTED A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS CLOSE AND ENDURING TIES.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE CONDUCT AND SUBSTANCE OF THE DEBATE WHICH WE ARE NOW CONCLUDING. THE UNITED STATES VERY MUCH REGRETS THAT THIS COUNCIL DID NOT TAKE POSITIVE ACTION AGAINST THE CRIMINAL ACT OF HIJACKING COMMITTED LAST WEEK AGAINST THE AIR FRANCE AIRCRAFT AND ITS PASSENGERS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE RESOLUTION WHICH WE COSPONSORED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS A BALANCED ATTEMPT AT RECORDING THIS COUNCIL'S DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO HIJACKING, AS WELL AS ITS RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND ITS CONCERN FOR THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE IN THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT. WE TAKE CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION THAT, WITH A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATING IN THE VOTE, NOT A SINGLE DELEGATION COULD BRING ITSELF TO VOTE AGAINST SUCH A BALANCED RESOLUTION.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE DEEPLY REGRET THE DEATH OF THOSE ON ALL SIDES OF THIS CONTROVERSY, THOSE WHO HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT OF TERRORISM WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ONCE AGAIN TO ALL THE FAMILIES CONCERNED, AND PARTICULARLY TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. DORA BLOCH.

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FURTHERMORE, WE ARE MOST SENSITIVE TO THE MAJOR POINTS STRESSED BY OUR COLLEAGUES FROM AFRICA DURING THIS DEBATE -- THAT SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES MUST BE SUSTAINED AND PROTECTED. THIS IS A NATURAL AND FUNDAMENTAL STANDARD TO WHICH MY GOVERNMENT FULLY ADHERES. AS MY COUNTRY REVIEWS ITS HISTORY IN THE YEAR 1976, WE PARTICULARLY RECALL OUR OWN KEEN CONCERN THAT THIS PRINCIPLE FROM THE VERY OUTSET OF OUR LIFE AS A NATION. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, VIEW THE EX-

CEPTIONAL NATURE OF THE INCIDENT ON ENTEBBE AS UNJUSTIFIED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO NOT SEE IT AS A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY ANY FUTURE UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO ANOTHER STATE'S TERRITORY THAT IS NOT SIMILARLY JUSTIFIED BY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

THIS DEBATE HAS PROVIDED IN OUR VIEW A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO AIR THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF HIJACKING AND THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE ISRAELI OPERATION AT ENTEBBE. THE DEBATE HAS HEIGHTENED PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL AWARENESS OF THE REAL THREAT WHICH AIR HIJACKING POSES TO THE WORLD TODAY. THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS PROVIDED A UNIQUE FORUM FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT ENTEBBE AND THE ANTECEDENT CAUSE OF THAT INCIDENT.

ONE LESSON HAS EMERGED CELARLY FOR ALL OF US IN THIS DEBATE. WE HAVE HAD IMPRESSED UPON US THE TERRIBLE TOLL IN HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY CAUSED BY HIJACKING AND THE USE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AS HOSTAGES. MY DELEGATION HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY SEVERAL STATEMENTS MADE DURING THIS DEBATE BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHO HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTION TO PRESS FOR ACTION AGAINST HIJACKING BY THIS ORGANIZATION. IN PARTICULAR, WE APPLAUD THE STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WHO ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL URGE ACTION BY THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. MY GOVERNMENT WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND WE SHALL WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM AND WITH OTHERS TO ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUPPORT A CONVENTION TO THIS END. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE IN THAT CONNECTION THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S.S.R., SPEAKING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON JULY 13, SAID, AND I QUOTE, "WE ARE READY, ALONG WITH OTHER STATES, UNCLASSIFIED

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TO TAKE NEW ADDITIONAL MEASURES AGAINST ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM."

THE SOONER ALL THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THIS BODY FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THAT HIJACKING IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM, THE SOONER WE TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO DO AWAY WITH THIS PLAGUE OF INTERNATIONAL LAWLESSNESS, THE SAFER LIFE WILL BE FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR CHILDREN. UNQUOTE
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